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**SECTION I**

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**CHAPTER 1**

**GENERAL**

**BCAR 119.1 Applicability**

This regulation establishes:

- a) Requirements and procedures for the issue or modification/amendment of an Air Operator Certificate (AOC), Operating Certificate or an Operation Authorization, issued by the Department of Civil Aviation. Such documents are issued in conformity with the nature of the service, in conjunction with the corresponding Operations Specifications and Limitations or Capabilities.
- b) The technical certification process for air carrier companies, except particular cases in which regulations are established through international conventions. The following procedure will apply:
  - 1) To the applicant or holder of an AOC (physical or legal) to operate scheduled or non-scheduled air services for the transportation of passengers, freight or mail and/or exclusive freight.
  - 2) To the applicant or holder of an Operating Certificate to provide any of the following types of service:
    - i) Aircraft maintenance facilities.
    - ii) Aerial works.
    - iii) Agricultural aviation
    - iv) Aviation training centers.
    - v) Such activities directly related with

services of a technical aeronautical nature susceptible for the issue of an operating certificate in accordance with the dispositions of the Civil Aviation Law, as well as those which the Executive body considers to be holders of an operating certificate.

c) The issue of Operation Authorizations to foreign air carriers, holders of an AOC issued in their country in conformity with that prescribes in BCAR 119.70 of the present regulation.

**BCAR 119.9 Transfer of the Certificate**

a) The AOC or the Operating Certificate are of a personal character and are non-transferable to another person physically or with jurisdiction, in respect of which the certification procedures and accreditation of the technical capability for the service offered have not been verified.

**BCAR 119.10 Authority for Inspection and Access to Documents.**

For the purposes of the supervision and surveillance of flight operations, the Department of Civil Aviation shall practice inspection and programmed or contingent audits for which it is required that:

a) The operator in his Operations Manual establishes the dispositions necessary to guarantee that the inspector of the Department of Civil Aviation may at any moment fly in aircraft of the holder of an AOC or Operating Certificate, and to guarantee the permanent access of inspecting personnel to the flight deck or passenger compartment for the time strictly necessary for the inspection that is intended. The pilot in command shall refuse access to the flight deck if, in accordance with his criteria, the safety of the aircraft is imperiled, a case in which a report shall be submitted to the Department of Civil Aviation on arrival at the principal base of operation.



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b) The holder of an AOC or Operating Certificate provides and facilitates the inspectors of the Belize Department of Civil Aviation and the aircraft accident investigation personnel, the free access to any document or record that is related to the flight operations or maintenance.

c) The pilot in command of the aircraft presents the documents required to be taken on board, when it is requested by an inspector of the Department of Civil Aviation.

**BCAR 119.12** Program for the control of the use of narcotic and enervating substances and alcohol.

a) Each holder of an AOC or Operating Certificate shall establish a program for the control of the use of narcotic and enervating substances and alcohol for those employees that perform functions directly related to flight safety. As a minimum the following functions are listed:

- 1) Piloting of aircraft
- 2) Passenger assistance.
- 3) Flight instruction.
- 4) Aircraft dispatching.
- 5) Aircraft maintenance.
- 6) Ground safety coordination.

The control methods may be applied in a scheduled or contingent form, or by suspicion in situations of particular characteristics and after an aircraft accident or incident.

b) Each holder of an AOC or Operating Certificate that contracts the carrying out of the functions indicated in paragraph a) above shall prove that whosoever performs the functions are under a detection program of the substances above mentioned.

## **CHAPTER II**

### **CERTIFICATION, OPERATIONS SPECIFICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR AN**

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## **AOC OR OPERATING CERTIFICATE**

### **BCAR 119.33 General Requirements**

a) No one may operate an air service unless:

1) An AOC or Operating Certificate in accordance with the type of service has been obtained.

2) An Operations Specifications and Limitations under which each kind of operation or service must be conducted have been obtained.

b) The applicant for an AOC for the first time or the request for a modification or amendment in the specifications and limitations to authorize a new type of operation shall conduct proving tests as authorized by the Department of Civil Aviation.

Each proving test shall be carried out under the operation and maintenance requirements of the corresponding regulations.

Once the requested program of proving tests has been accepted, the Department of Civil Aviation will issue an authorization in which the management shall perform a demonstration of the proposed routes and airports.

### **BCAR 119.34 Technical Certification Process.**

To obtain an AOC or Operating Certificate, the applicant of any aviation service shall be subject of a technical certification process that shall be conducted by the Airworthiness and Operations Divisions as is of concern to each. Such process consists of the following stages:

1) Initial Application: Consists of the action taken by an interested person to obtain information related to the issue of an



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This procedural stage may be omitted if the applicant considers that he/she appropriately knows the requirements about the aviation service.

2) Formal Application: The applicant puts forward to the Belize Department of Civil Aviation a documentary request of a specific aviation service for the proper approval, including the chronogram and/or the documents indicated in BCAR 119.35 b) in conformity with the nature of the service offered.

3) Evaluation: The Belize Department of Civil Aviation assesses the documents presented and informs the applicant of any discrepancies noted, in the contrary, issues an approval or acceptance of the same.

4) Technical Proof: The applicant is subject to an evaluation and technical revision to determine the conformity of aircraft, audit of the principal base of operations and stations, inspection of instruction and training procedures, performance of aircraft proving test, as determined by the Belize Department of Civil Aviation for each type of service.

5) Certification: Once the stages previously mentioned have been completed, the Belize Department of Civil Aviation will issue an AOC or Operating Certificate and will approve the operations specifications and limitations or capabilities.

In no case may an AOC or Operating Certificate and approval of any type of

operation be issued without completing the certification process.

**BCAR 119.35 Initial application for an AOC or Operating Certificate.**

a) The applicant for the original issue or renewal of an AOC or Operating Certificate, shall carry out the transaction in a simultaneous way with the issue of the certificate of operation in such a way that a reasonable time frame exists to carry out the technical certification process; such time limit shall not be greater than six months counted in working days from the date the application was submitted until the Belize Department of Civil Aviation issues the respective AOC or Operating Certificate.

Except as provided in the previous paragraph, in the case of applications from foreign maintenance organizations, the applicants shall only obtain an Operating Certificate in accordance with BCAR 145, as well as other aeronautical services offered abroad and certified by the Belize Department of Civil Aviation. The submission of an application for an AOC or Operating Certificate may be carried out in the following stages:

1) In conjunction with the requirements for the moment complied with for the submission of the application for the certificate of operation.

2) After the receipt and while the formal application for the issue of a certificate of operation is in process.

b) The applicant for an AOC or Operating Certificate shall submit BDCA Form 1010 provided by the Belize Department of Civil Aviation together with a chronogram of compliance with the technical requirements that include the manuals and documents required in paragraph c) of this BCAR (in accordance with the kind of service), the development of programs of instruction for technical personnel,





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development of flights plans for proving flights (transport companies), emergency evacuation plan for air transport companies, inspection of base operations, installations, facilities, equipment, aircraft, stations, aeronautical instruction facilities, proof of operations for aerial work companies and the programming of any other equipment or technical matter that requires revision, approval or inspection by the Department of Civil Aviation.

c) General list of minimum documents and manuals: The documents and manuals presented for revision, approval or acceptance are hereby detailed for each aviation service, however the Department of Civil Aviation can extend or reduce the list, depending on the kind or magnitude of the service.

1) For Commercial Air Transportation

- i) List of personnel that hold posts as technical directors within the company's organization.
- ii) Maintenance Manual (General Maintenance Manual or Maintenance Procedures Manual) in the English language.
- iii) Aircraft Maintenance Program (Maintenance Schedules).
- iv) Weight and balance procedures/or Manual(s).
- v) Training Program/or Manual.
- vi) Approved Aircraft Flight Manual.
- vii) Company's Operations Manual in the English Language
- viii) Minimum Equipment List (MEL) and Master Minimum Equipment List (MMEL).
- ix) Configuration Deviation List (CDL).
- x) Checklists.
- xi) Passenger briefing card.
- xii) Airport runway analysis.
- xiii) Transportation of Dangerous Goods Program.
- xiv) Airport Security Program.
- xv) Cabin Flight Crew Manual (aircraft with a seating capacity of more than nineteen passengers).

- xvi) Procedures for handling, flight following and location.
- xvii) Operations Specifications and Limitations.
- xviii) Maintenance Reliability Program (if applicable).
- xix) Aircraft proving tests plan for the route or routes.
- xx) Emergency evacuation plan.
- xxi) Submission of a copy of the signed maintenance contracts between the certificate holder and the approved maintenance organization(s).

2) Servicing and Maintenance Facilities.

- i) Location of facilities.
- ii) Administrative and technical organization.
- iii) Type of service to be operated or offered.
- iv) List of personnel that hold posts as technical directors within the company's organization and list of personnel that certify releases to service.
- v) Tools and equipment list.
- vi) Inspection Procedures Manual.
- vii) List of models and types for the capability of engines, propellers, appliances, radio and instruments.
- viii) Personnel training program.
- ix) A list of maintenance functions that the facility carries out, and to include the ones performed under a contract or an agreement with other maintenance facilities due to lack of equipment.
- x) Operations capabilities and specifications.

3) Agriculture aviation services.

- i) Principal Base of Operations.
- ii) Technical Organisation.
- iii) Operations Manual
- iv) Maintenance Control Manual
- v) List of Aircraft.
- vi) Application or certification for compliance with the environmental



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standards.  
vii) Training Program for all technical personnel.  
viii) Operations Capabilities and Specifications.

4) Aerodispach Services.

i) Operations Manual.  
ii) Base of Operations.  
iii) List and curriculum for technical personnel.  
iv) List of activities intended to be offered.  
v) Training Program.  
vi) List of equipment and tools.  
vii) Operations Capabilities and Specifications.

5) Aeronautical Training Services.

5.1 Pilots School.

i) Location and description of installations and facilities.  
ii) Technical Organization  
iii) Operations Manual.  
iv) Training Manual.  
v) Training Program for the different pilot's licences.  
vi) List of aircraft used for instruction.  
vii) List and curriculum of instructors.  
viii) Maintenance Control Manual.  
ix) Operations Capabilities and Specifications.

5.2 Maintenance Technicians Schools.

i) Location and description of facilities.  
ii) Technical Organisation.  
iii) Training Manual.  
iv) Training Program.  
v) List of training equipment and aids.  
vi) List and curriculum of instructors.  
vii) Operations Capabilities and Specifications.

5.3 Flight Attendants Schools.

i) Location of facilities.

ii) Technical Organisation.  
iii) Instruction Manual.  
iv) Program for technical training and practice.  
v) List of training equipment and aids.  
vi) List and curriculum of instructors.  
vii) Operations Capabilities and Specifications.

6) Aerial Works.

i) Principal base of operations.  
ii) Technical Organisation.  
iii) Operations Manual.  
iv) Maintenance Control Manual.  
v) List of aircraft.  
vi) Training program for all technical personnel.  
vii) Specification of the kind of work to be performed/Capabilities.

**BCAR 119.37 Contents of an AOC and Operating Certificate.**

An AOC or Operating Certificate shall contain the following information:

a) The holder's name.  
b) Location of the principal base of operations.  
c) Certificate Number.  
d) Issue and expiry date.  
e) Description of the Operations Specifications and Limitations or Capabilities.  
f) Description of the head of the organization that issues the certificate.

**BCAR 119.39 Issue or denying an AOC or Operating Certificate.**

a) The Belize Department of Civil Aviation may issue an AOC or Operating Certificate through a certification process after having determined that the applicant has complied with the following conditions:

1) Should have complied with the technical requirements of the present regulation.



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2) Be properly equipped and in possession of the human and material resources to conduct a safe operation or service prescribed under the applicable regulations or the standard relevant to the Public Transport and that the operations specifications and limitations or capabilities are in accordance with this regulation.

b) An AOC or Operating Certificate may be denied if the Belize Department of Civil Aviation determines that the applicant has not shown compliance with that prescribed in the previous paragraphs a) 1) and a) 2).

**BCAR 119.43 AOC or Operating Certificate holder's duty in relation to Operations Specifications and Limitations.**

a) Each holder of an AOC or Operating Certificate shall maintain an up to date copy of the Operations Specifications and Limitations or Capabilities at its principal base of operations.

b) Such a holder shall insert pertinent excerpts of its Operations Specifications and Limitations or Capabilities in its manuals; and

i) Clearly identify each such excerpt.

ii) State in its manuals the mandatory nature of the compliance with the Operations Specifications and Limitations or its capabilities.

c) The holder of an AOC or Operating Certificate shall keep informed and bring up to date each of the company's technical personnel of the Operations Specifications or Limitations or operation capabilities.

**BCAR 119.47 Principal base of operations and maintenance.**

a) Each holder of an AOC or Operating Certificate must have set up a principal base

of operations and a principal base of maintenance.

b) At least thirty working days before a proposal to change the location of the base of operations or maintenance the certificate holder must provide written notification to the Department of Civil Aviation for the corresponding recertification.

**BCAR 119.49 Contents of the Operations Specifications and Limitations.**

a) Each holder or applicant of an AOC shall prepare and present to the Department of Civil Aviation the Operations Specifications and Limitations for its approval, in which the following information must be included:

**Part A:** General Provisions. The applicant shall specify the make and model of aircraft authorized for use, the maximum passenger seating capacity that has been approved, operations approved for national and international flights or both, location of its principal base of operation, flight following system and all other authorizations or limitations and any exceptions.

**Part B:** Enroute authorizations and limitations. The applicant shall specify the routes or route segments and areas of operation, altitudes, flight levels enroute and conditions under which flights are authorized and any exception to a technical provision.

**Part C:** Aerodrome authorizations and limitations. The applicant shall specify the destination and alternate aerodromes for regular flights, instrument approach procedures, ILS, aerodrome operating minima authorized including take-off minima and any special operating limitations or the type of approach authorized.

**Part D:** Maintenance. The applicant shall specify all maintenance authorizations, time limitations, overhaul times, inspections and



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revisions of the aircraft maintenance schedule, engines, propellers, rotors, appliances, emergency equipment, approval for the leasing and types of parts.

The applicant shall include the Minimum Equipment List (MEL) and the aircraft that are covered by the maintenance program and any other additional maintenance requirement.

**Part E:** Weight and Balance. The applicant shall include the periods and procedures for aircraft mass and balance control.

**Part F:** Aircraft Leasing Operations. The applicant shall include the specifications on the conditions of such leasing approvals and the applicable type of lease, with or without crew, type of aircraft, routes and aerodromes. In case where more than one operator is involved, the applicant shall specify the operator for operational control and maintenance, routes, area of operation, foreseen conditions, type and registration of each aircraft.

b) In the case of companies applying for an AOC to offer unscheduled flights, the interested person shall prepare the operations specifications and limitations in accordance with the requirements of item a) above as would be applicable.

c) In the case of an Operating Certificate, the applicant shall propose for approval the operation capabilities in accordance with the standard that governs the service and with the technical instructions from the Department of Civil Aviation.

**BCAR 119.51 Modification/Amendment of Operations Specifications and Limitations/AOC and Capabilities/Operating Certificates.**

a) Modifications/Amendments to the operations specifications and limitations/AOC and operating certificate

capabilities may be carried out if:

1) The Belize Department of Civil Aviation determines that air safety and the public interest justify it.

2) The application is made by the holder of the certificate.

b) Except as prescribed in paragraph

c) of this BCAR, when the Belize Department of Civil Aviation starts an amendment process for the Operations Specifications and Limitations of an AOC or the operation capabilities of an Operating Certificate when no reasons for urgency exists, the following procedure will apply:

1) The Belize Department of Civil Aviation notifies the certificate holder in writing of the proposed amendment and summons the holder for a private meeting with fifteen working days notice before it takes place.

2) The certificate holder must count with the prescribed deadline, starting with the working day following the date of notification, to submit in writing any opposition, views or arguments on the amendment.

3) After assessing the information submitted, the Belize Department of Civil Aviation will inform the certificate holder of the decision taken, in the following manner:

i) The total or partial adoption of the proposed amendment.

ii) Withdraws the proposed amendment, having proved with valid arguments, the unsuitability and/or inconvenience in applying it.

4) The amendment of the Operations Specifications and Limitations of an AOC or of the capabilities of an Operating Certificate shall become effective when it is finally determined by the Belize Department of Civil



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Aviation and within a period of not more than 30 days, unless:

i) That the Belize Department of Civil Aviation determines based on paragraph e) of this BCAR, that an urgent condition exists and the operational requirements justify the effective date before the deadline or of an immediate action, this last case due to air safety being affected.

ii) The opposition lodged by the certificate holder is accepted.

c) When the certificate holder requests amendments to the Operations Specifications and Limitations or to the operating capabilities, the following procedure shall be followed:

1) The certificate holder shall submit the forms at least thirty days before the effective date for the modification of the Operations Specifications or Limitations or the operating capabilities, unless an urgent situation that is properly justified exists.

2) The application, properly signed, must be submitted in the forms provided by the Belize Department of Civil Aviation.

3) If the Belize Department of Civil Aviation approves the amendment, it will coordinate with the certificate holder the starting in practice of it and/or of a technical inspection or assessment if it is required. The amendment shall become effective when both parties have signed the corresponding document of the Operations Specifications and limitations or the operating capabilities as the case may be.

d) When the certificate holder requests the decision taken by the Department of Civil Aviation concerning an amendment of the operations specifications and limitations or the operating capabilities be reconsidered, such request for reconsideration shall be carried out within five working days after the notification date

of such decision.

If the petition for reconsideration is admitted, the effective date of the amendment issued by the Department of Civil Aviation will be suspended, unless an urgent situation that requires immediate action exists so that air safety is not affected.

e) When the Department of Civil Aviation determines or knows about an urgent condition that affects air safety, it will proceed as follows:

1) It will modify or amend the operations specifications and limitations or operating capabilities and will grant a deadline of three working days from the day following the notification to make the amendment effective and where the interested person may argue what he considers pertinent or in very proven cases the Department of Civil Aviation will proceed immediately.

2) The notification shall contain information with reference to the reasons which constituted the urgency and the required action. With this the public interest is protected and air safety is guaranteed.

**BCAR 119.59 Conduct of tests and inspections**

a) At any time during the validity of an AOC or Certificate of Operations or for the obtainment of these, the Belize Department of Civil Aviation may carry out inspections or tests to determine if the certificate holder complies with the Civil Aviation Act, the regulations and the rest of applicable dispositions.

b) The certificate holder shall:

1) Have an updated list that includes the location of those responsible for the operation.

2) Allow the inspectors of the Belize



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Department of Civil Aviation to carry out test, inspections or audits to determine compliance as prescribed in paragraph a) of this BCAR.

c) Each employee of the certificate holder that has the responsibility of keeping records shall make them available to the Belize Department of Civil Aviation at any time.

d) If the certificate holder does not have them available, as well as the operations specifications and limitations or operating capabilities, records, documents or reports, that the Belize Department of Civil Aviation has requested, and if discrepancies, irregularities or nonconformity with the regulations and the rest of dispositions by which it was certified are presented, this will justify the application of a penalty of suspension, full or partial cancellation of its capabilities in accordance with the applicable procedure.

**BCAR 119.63 Continuity of Service.**

a) If the certificate holder has not started or has discontinued the approved operations in its specifications or limitations or operating capabilities, no operations shall be carried out or air services offered unless:

1) Has informed the Department of Civil Aviation with and an anticipation of at least five working days of the suspension, to determine if the certificate holder continues with the necessary capacity of providing the service in a safe way.

2) If the certificate holder wishes to restart the offer of services, it shall be subject to a recertification.

b) The holder of an AOC or an Operating Certificate shall maintain the continuity of the service for the time authorized. Before the expiration, the certificate holder shall apply for the renewal or in the case of the corresponding

amendment, with at least 30 days of anticipation. With the same anticipation the certificate holder shall request the annual inspection or audit for the assessment of the technical competence, in accordance with that prescribed in BCAR 119.59, unless urgent situations merit the reduction of such deadline.

**BCAR 119.65 Management and technical personnel required under an AOC or maintenance organization.**

a) A certificate holder shall count with qualified management and technical personnel that function in the following posts or equivalent positions:

- 1) Director of Operations.
- 2) Director of Maintenance.
- 3) Person in charge of Quality Assurance (Chief Inspector as applicable)

b) The Department of Civil Aviation may approve different positions from those indicated in paragraph a) of this BCAR for any particular operation, if the certificate holder shows that he can carry out the operations with a high quality of safety under the direction of a less amount or different qualifications of the management personnel, in accordance with the kind of operation involved, the use of the number and type of aircraft and the areas of operation.

c) The amount of positions required in paragraph a) and g) of this BCAR or the post and amount of approved positions under paragraph b) of the same, must be prescribed in the Operations and Maintenance Manual of the AOC or Operating Certificate holder.

d) Those that serve in positions required and approved under paragraphs a) or b) of this BCAR or any other position that exercises control over the operations shall demonstrate knowledge in the following material:



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- 1) Belize aviation legislation and regulations.
- 2) AOC and its operations specifications and limitations.
- 3) Operating Certificate and its capabilities.
- 4) Operations and maintenance manuals as appropriate.

e) The holder of an AOC shall:

- 1) Determine the general directives, obligations, the responsibilities and authority of the required personnel under paragraph a) of this BCAR and to include them in the Operations Manual.

- 2) List the names and addresses of the persons assigned in those positions in the manual of operations and maintenance.

- 3) Notify the Belize Department of Civil Aviation within the following ten days, any change in personnel or any vacant post in the position listed.

f) The assigned to serve as Director of Operations cannot participate as an integral part of the areas that are under his control, administration, oversight or supervision. For example: the person cannot act simultaneously as a pilot instructor in theory, type simulator or line supervisor.

g) Each holder of a maintenance organization operating certificate shall have qualified management and technical personnel that perform in posts or equivalent positions as prescribed in BCAR 119.65 a) 2) and a) 3).

h) In the case of other operating certificates the management and technical structure shall be in accordance with the standard that governs the service and with the technical instructions from the Belize Department of Civil Aviation.

**BCAR 119.67 Management personnel qualifications required to operate under**

**the regulations for commercial air transportation.**

a) To serve as Director of Operations under BCAR 119.65 a), a person shall:

- 1) Hold an Airline Transport Pilot license.

- 2) For aircraft with a seating capacity of less than nineteen passengers or of a weight of less than 5700 kg., it shall be sufficient to hold a Commercial Pilot's License.

- 3) Has had at least three years of experience as pilot in command of aircraft of similar category of the fleet for which he/she will direct.

- 4) Has performed work at technical posts of operation (for example: instruction, Chief Pilot, Chief of flight safety or other similar levels)

b) To serve as Director of Maintenance in accordance with BCAR 119.65 a), a person shall have:

- 1) A maintenance technician license or a title in aeronautical engineering or other engineering with experience with the technical operation of aircraft and engines.

- 2) One year experience in a position where the responsibility was the return of aircraft to service.

- 3) Have at least two years experience as supervisor, in accordance with that required in paragraph 4) i) or 4) ii) of this BCAR, maintaining the same kind and class of aircraft that the certificate holder operates; and

- 4) Have three years experience within the last six years prior to the appointment, in the following:

- i) In aircraft maintenance of the same



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aircraft category and class that the certificate holder will use before accrediting experience in such aircraft he shall take courses of the aircraft type, or of familiarization for those of similar technology.

ii) Aircraft repair in an approved maintenance organization capable in the same or similar category and type of aircraft that the certificate holder operates or will operate.

c) To serve as Chief Inspector under BCAR 119.65 a), a person shall:

1) Hold a maintenance technician license corresponding to the post and has exercised his privileges for at least during the last three years.

2) Have at least three years of experience in the maintenance of transport aircraft of a seating capacity of more than nine passengers, with an air operator, or in an approved maintenance organization and with at least with one year experience of having performed as maintenance inspector.

3) Has performed for at least one year as maintenance supervisor in the same type and class of aircraft the holder of the certificate operates or will operate and has received the course of aircraft type.

**BCAR 119.68 Suspension and Cancellation of Certificates.**

Based on the legally established rights and in accordance with BCAR 119.59 of this BCAR, due to urgent reasons and to protect the safety and public interest; the inspector may totally or partially suspend the specifications and limitations of operation or its capabilities accordingly, sending a written notification to the company representative through report of the results of the inspection or audit.

If this takes place, the Department of Civil

Aviation shall confirm such action within the following third working day.

The Belize Department of Civil Aviation will prepare the administrative record and will raise the corresponding information. In proven cases, it shall maintain the suspension until the holder of an AOC or of an operating certificate corrects the deficiencies or discrepancies that were conveyed.

The Belize Department of Civil Aviation may totally or partially modify the AOC or the operating certificates due to urgent reasons, opportunity, convenience, merit or considering the necessity or convenience of the persons when properly proven, for which the procedure established in BCAR 119.51 of this BCAR shall be applied. In this way, it may totally or partially revoke or cancel due to the respective reasons or for noncompliance with the terms of the law, standards and applicable rules.

**CHAPTER III**

**THE ISSUE OF AN OPERATION AUTHORISATION TO FOREIGN AIR CARRIERS**

**BCAR 119.70 Requirements for foreign operators.**

The operation authorization of operation for foreign air carriers will be issued based on signed International Conventions, and in accordance with the dispositions of Article 33 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

The Belize Department of Civil Aviation will issue an Air Operator Certificate (AOC) that will prove the technical capacity for the provision of the service and continued oversight of the State in keeping with the technical aspects for the licenses of technical personnel and the certificates of airworthiness, issued by the aeronautical authority of the State of Origin for the





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applicants of an authorization of operation on operational rights in Belize and that they be protected by an International Convention that is still in effect.

Independent of the competency of the aircraft's State of Registry, the right for inspection and verification that the Department of Civil Aviation will carry out is not excluded.

The following minimum information would be required:

- a) Copy of the AOC or analogue document issued by the State of Nationality of the applicant.
- b) Copy of the operations specifications and limitations, as well as the Certificates of Airworthiness and Registration and the valid insurance that covers the operation.
- c) Copy of the agreement signed in Belize with the company that provides the technical assistance for the aircraft, or documents that show the way in which the applicant shall carry out the technical handling.
- d) The operator and/or the company that is assisting, shall own the up to date technical manuals for ground handling as well as the volumes or the necessary sections of the Operations Manual and the Maintenance Control Manual, with the general principles, procedures and operational instructions and maintenance of the company, for the use and guidance of the respective personnel.
- e) Security program for its acceptance.

**BCAR 119.72 Formalities and time periods.**

The documents indicated in a) and b) of the previous BCAR shall be submitted for a legal and consular transaction and

accompanied with the respective translation.

For a company that is regulated in accordance with the present Chapter to start operations into Belize, the procedures for obtaining an authorization of operation shall be carried out within a period of six months counted in calendar days with the possibility that the applicant takes the steps for the issue of an extension that will not exceed a period of three months, if the complexity of the procedure merits it.

The duration of an authorization of operation shall be extended for an equal period like the duration of an International Convention to which its activity is based while in Belize.

**BCAR 119.74 Foreign operators not protected by a valid International Convention.**

In the case of foreign operators who's States have not signed an International Convention with Belize and request operational rights, shall comply with the established procedures and formalities for the issue of operating certificates in accordance with the Civil Aviation Act and the present BCAR.



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